MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

HOLSTON

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD AT

KNOXVILLE, TENN.,

SEPTEMBER 27th, 1877.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.
OGDEN BROTHERS, BOOKSELLERS, BINDERS AND JOB PRINTERS.
1877.

Officers of the Conference.

WM. L. HARRIS, D. D., ... Presiding Bishop.

J. J. MANKER, ... Secretary.

J. W. MANN, ... Assistant Secretary.

J. S. PETTY, ... Recording Secretary.

C. S. LONG,
J. D. LAWSON, } ..... Statistical Secretaries.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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J. B. LITTLE.....Vice-President.
J. S. PETTY.....Secretary.
R. W. PATTY.....Treasurer.

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J. W. MANN.....Secretary.
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J. W. MANN.....President.
T. S. WALKER.....Vice-President.
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Trustees of Conference.

W. C. DAILY, W. H. ROGERS, J. B. LITTLE.—Time expires in 1878.

SPENCER HENRY, J. W. MANN, J. A. RUBLE, G. W. COLEMAN.—Time expires in 1879.

Examining Committees.

1st Year—S. A. WINSOR, P. H. REED, M. SEATON.

2d Year—J. F. SPENCE, R. O. AYRES, J. R. HUGHES.

3d Year—D. B. LAWTON, T. W. BROWN, A. J. GREER.

4th Year—J W. MANN, T. S. WALKER, T. H. RUSSELL.

Triers of Appeals.

F. M. FANNING, R. W. PATTY, W. C. GRAVES, J. J. MANKER, W. C. DAILY, J. W. MANN, N. G. TAYLOR.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—J. J. MANKER.—Alternate, J. W. MANN.

Conference Roll.

MEMBERS.

Robert O. Ayres, Campbell's Station, Tenn.
*Jonathan N. Baker.**
William B. Ballenger, Cleveland, Tenn.
Marion Bell, Nashville, Tenn.
Lemuel Bogart, Madisonville, Tenn.
Wm. Bluford.
Thomas W. Brown, Leicester, N. C.
Andrew J. Bruner, Fall Branch, Tenn.
Hilton H. Burk, Kingston, Tenn.
Milton R. M. Burk, Blue Springs, Tenn
J. L. Cardwell, Rheatown, Tenn
DANIEL CARTER,† Flat Gap, Tenn.
Thomas A. Cass, Wartburg, Tenn
Philip L. Chambers, Cleveland, Tenn.
Elbert B. Clark, Clinton, Tenn.
George W. Coleman, Athens, Tenn.
Francis M. Cones, New Market, Tenn.
Adam F. Creswell, Cleveland, Tenn.
B. Crist, Jacksboro, Tenn.
Wm. C. Daily, Cleveland, Tenn.
C. G. Deming, Asheville, N. C.
James M. Durham, Sevierville, Tenn.
A. F. English, Cleveland, Tenn.
Frank M. Fanning, Knoxville, Tenn.
James B. Fitzgerald, Fullen's Depot, Tenn.
John B. Ford, Cleveland, Tenn.
JOHN FORRESTER, Glades, Tenn.
G. A. Gowin, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Wm. C. Graves, Morristown,
Andrew J. Greer, Rutledge, Tenn.
Samuel Greear, Kingston, Tenn.
ROBERT H. GUTHRIE, Harrison, Tenn.
Wm. M. Haskell, Crossville, Tenn
George W. Heninger, Kingsport, Tenn.
SPENCER HENRY, Maryville, Tenn.
Thomas H. Hodge, Greeneville, Tenn.
David S. Hodsden, Tazewell, Tenn.
John R. Hughes, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Samuel W. Hyden, Maryville, Tenn.
John H. Jennings, New Market, Tenn.
George Julian, Cleveland, Tenn.
Wm. Kinsland, Spring House, Tenn.
James D Lawson, Ware's Valley, Tenn.
Daniel B. Lawton, Knoxville, Tenn.

* Names printed in *Italics* are Supernumeraries.

† Names printed in SMALL CAPITALS are Superannuates.

Joshua B. Little, Fincastle, Tenn.
Edwin M. Lockwood, Taylorsville, Tenn.
Wm. R. Long, Scarboro, Tenn.
Carrol S. Long, Ashville, N. C.
Wm. Lucas, Ducktown, Tenn.
John W. Mann, Athens, Tenn.
Jacob Mann.
John J. Manker, Greeneville,
Charles K. Mays, Russelville, Tenn.
Aaron P. Melton, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Wm. McKinley, Knoxville, Tenn.
Joseph P. Milburn, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Jno. N. Moore, Cleveland, Tenn.
Jno. F. Morrison, Locust Spring, Tenn.
Raphael W. Patty, Knoxville, Tenn.
James F. Perry, Washington, Tenn.
Adam C. Peters, Smith's X Roads, Tenn.
Jno. S. Petty, Cleveland, Tenn.
Ralph Pierce, New Market, Tenn.
Henry Pyle.
Patrick H. Reed, Flat Gap, Tenn.
Daniel Richardson, Sneedville, Tenn.
James D. Roberson, Hendersonville, N. C.
Wm. H. Rogers, Cleveland, Tenn.
James A. Ruble, Johnson City, Tenn.
Matthew A. Rule, Fincastle, Tenn.
Thomas H. Russell, Kingston, Tenn.
Thomas B. Russell, Pigeon Valley, N. C.
A. F. Shannon, Cleveland, Tenn.
James B. Seaton, Maryville, Tenn.
Moses Seaton, St. Clair, Tenn.
Clemm Shaw.
James R. Shults, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Wm. D. Smith, Cleveland, Tenn.
Jno. F. Spence, Athens, Tenn.
Jno. C. Tate, Clinton, Tenn.
Nathaniel G. Taylor, Carter's Station, Tenn.
Jno. G. Trull, Asheville, N. C.
Thomas S. Walker, Knoxville, Tenn.
Albert G. Watkins, Mossy Creek, Tenn
Benjamin F. Wells, Asheville, N. C.
Thomas R. West, New Market, Tenn.
S. A. Winsor, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Rufus M Witt, Murphy, N. C.
Jno. F. Woodfin, Boylston, N. C.
Absalom B. Wright, Travisville, Tenn.
James C Wright, Athens, Tenn.
James Yarnell.

PROBATIONERS.

Philip M. Bewley, Newport, Tenn
Mark W. Broyles, Battle Creek, Tenn
A J. Fletcher, Greeneville, Tenn
George W. Jarvis, Maynardville, Tenn
Alexander Jordan, Ebenezer, Tenn
Owen M. Hypsher, Mineral Hill, Tenn.
Thomas F. Robeson, Parrottsville, Tenn.
Samuel B. Scott, Huntsville, Tenn.
Wm. T. Senter, Parrottsville, Tenn.
George M. Stone, Riceville, Tenn.
Joseph W. Wells, Washington, Tenn.

APPOINTMENTS.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

F. M. Fanning, Presiding Elder.
Knoxville, 1st Church, William McKinley.
Knoxville, 2d Church, to be supplied.
Knox Circuit, R. W. Patty.
Campbell Station, R. O. Ayres.
Thorn Grove, J. H. Jennings.
Little River, T. S. Walker.
Sevierville, J. M. Durham.
Fair Garden, J. B. Seaton.
New Market, T. R. West.
Maryville, J. D. Lawson.
Madisonville, L. Bogart.
Loudon, J. W. Mann.
R. Pierce, President and Financial Agent of Holston Seminary—member of New Market Quarterly Conference. F. M. Cones, Professor in Holston Seminary, and member of New Market Quarterly Conference.

POWEL'S VALLEY DISTRICT.

J. B. Little, Presiding Elder.
Fincastle, M. A. Rule.
Jacksborough, B. Crist.
Clinton, E. B. Clark.
Huntsville, S. B. Scott.
Clear Fork, H. Pile.
Speedwell, W. Kinsland.
Tazewell, D. S. Hodsden.
Maynardsville, Geo. W. Jarvis.
Rutledge, A. J. Greer.
Rogersville, W. M. Cline.
Rogersville Circuit to be supplied by Wm. H. Harrison.
Sneedville, D. Richardson.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder.
Greeneville, J. J. Manker.
Greeneville Circuit, T. H. Hodge.
Rheatown, J. L. Cardwell.
St. Clair, M. Seaton.
Fall Branch, A. J. Bruner.
Jonesboro, J. R. Shultz.
Elizabethton and Johnson City, J. R. Hughes
Elizabethton Circuit, J. P. Milburn.
Taylorsville, E M. Lockwood
Kingsport, G. W. Heninger.
Bakersville, J. F. Morrison.
N. G. Taylor, Agent of the Conference Sunday-School Society—member of Elizabethton Quarterly Conference.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

W. C. Graves, Presiding Elder.
Asheville, C. S. Long.
Hendersonville, J. D. Roberson.
Catawba, to be supplied.
McDowell, to be supplied.
Leicester, T. W. Brown.
Waynesville, T. B. Russell.
Webster, to be supplied.
Newport, P. M. Bewley.
Parrottsville, W. T. Senter.
Morristown, A. G. Watkins.
Mossy Creek, P. H. Reed.
Lick Creek, to be supplied.
T. F. Robeson, Principal of Parrottsville High School—member of Parrottsville Quarterly Conference. Carroll S. Long, President, and C. G. Deming Financial Agent Candler College.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. S. Petty, Presiding Elder.
Chattanooga, S. A. Winsor.
Ooltewah, George Julian.
Cleveland, A. F. Creswell.
Cleveland Circuit, J. N. Moore.
Chatata, W. C Daily.
Riceville, G. M. Stone.
Athens, to be supplied.

Athens Circuit, G. W. Coleman.
Blue Springs, M. R M. Burk.
Ducktown, Wm. Lucas.
Murphy, R. M. Witt.
J. F. Spence, President, and J. C. Wright, Tutor in East Tennessee Wesleyan University—members of Athens Quarterly Conference. J. B. Ford, Agent of the Sunday-School Union of the M. E. Church, for the South—member of Chattanooga Quarterly Conference. W. H. Rogers, Bible Colporteur—member of Chatata Quarterly Conference.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

T. H. Russell, Presiding Elder.
Kingston, H. H. Burk.
Scarborough, W. R. Long.
Wartburg, T. A. Cass.
Jamestown, A. B. Wright.
Crossville, W. M. Haskell.
Pikeville, to be supplied.
Hamilton, W. B. Ballenger.
Washington, J. F. Perry.
Jasper, S. Greear.
Battle Creek, Mark W. Broyles.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.

A. P. Melton, Presiding Elder.
Chattanooga, to be supplied.
Tyners, to be supplied.
Decatur, C. Shaw.
Rhea, J. Yarnell.
Marion, J. Mann.
Washington, J. W. Wells.

RUSSELLVILLE DISTRICT.

J. C. Tate, Presiding Elder.
Knoxville, to be supplied.
Ebenezer, Alex. Jordan.
Limestone, A. J. Fletcher.
Midway, to be supplied.
Sevierville, to be supplied.
Russellville, C. K. Mayes.
Hawkins, to be supplied.
Mineral Hill, O. M. Hypsher.
Coal Creek, to be supplied.
Watauga, W. Bluford.
Robertsville, to be supplied.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Name.	Born.	Admitted.	Died.
WILLIS INGLE,.....	1798.....	1838	Oct. 29, 1867.
DAVID FLEMING,.....	May 4, 1779	1824	Aug. 28, 1868.
JAMES CUMMING, ...	Oct. 26, 1787	1820	June 30, 1870.
W. A. MARSHALL,.....	1819.....	1869	Sept. 29, 1871.
W. H. H. DUGGAN,.....	July 3, 1815	1855	Aug. 11, 1872.
JOSEPH MILBURN,.....	Jan. 23, 1800	1855	Jan. 18, 1873.
ISAAC FORTNER,.....	1890.....	.....	April 7, 1873.
JOHN LEACH,.....	.....	.....	1873 .....
ROBERT CLARK,.....	.....	1870	Aug. 9, 1873.
NELSON E. COBLEIGH,	1814.....	1844	Feb. 1, 1874.
ELIJAH STILL,.....	.....	1831	1875 .....
S. PATTERSON,.....	.....	1868	1875 .....
M. H. B. BURKET,.....	Jan. 11, 1811	1864	Nov. 12, 1875.
WANSER P. FAIR,.....	.....	.....	Dec. 13, 1876.

Disciplinary Questions.

1 *Have any entered the Conference by transfer or re-admission?*

C. G. Deming was transferred from the North Carolina Conference, and Wm. McKinley from the Minnesota, Conference.

2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

M. W. Broyles, A. J. Fletcher, O. M. Hypsher, G. W. Jarvis, Alexander Jordan, S. B. Scott, W. T. Senter, G. M. Stone.

3. *Who remain on trial?*

P. M. Bewley, T. F Robeson, J. W. Wells.

4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

J. H. Amis, M. R. M. Burk, F. M. Cones, A. F. Creswell, F. M. Hinds, D. S. Hodsden, C. S. Long, J. D Roberson, M. A. Rule, T. B. Russell.

5. *Who are Deacons of the First Class?*

A. J. Bruner, M. R. M. Burk, F. M. Cones, A. F. Creswell, D. S. Hodsden, C. S. Long, J. Mann, J. D. Roberson, M. A. Rule, T. B. Russell, J. C. Wright.

6. *Who are Deacons of the Second Class?*

M. Bell, A. C. Peters, A. G. Watkins, James Yarnell.

7. *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

Wm. Lucas, J. F. Perry, J. B. Seaton, J. R. Shults.

8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

J. N. Baker, M. Bell, P. L. Chambers, A. F. English, J. B. Fitzgerald, G. A. Gowin, S. W. Hyden, D. B. Lawton, A. C. Peters, A. F. Shannon, W. D. Smith, J. G. Trull, J. F. Woodfin.

9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

D. Carter, Jno. Forrester, R. H. Guthrie, Spencer Henry, B. F. Wells.

10. *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

It was.

11. *Have any located?*

J. H. Amis, W. Harkins, F. M. Hinds, J. N. Stamper

12. *Have any withdrawn?*

None.

13. *Have any been transferred and to what Conference?*

J. Albert Hyden, to Southern Kansas Conference; Jno. F. Palmer, to Georgia Conference; J. H. McGriff, to Southern Illinois Conference.

14. *Have any been expelled?*

None.

15. *Have any died.*

Wanser P. Fair.

16. *What is the Statistical Report?*

Members	18,400
Probationers	2,579
Local Preachers	244—21,223

17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?*

18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims and how has it been applied?*

Received from the Chartered Fund,	$ 30.00
Received by collections,	72.45—$102.45

Applied:

Mrs. Duggan	$15.00
Mrs Marshall	15.00
Mrs. Fortner	15.00
Mrs. Milburn	15.00
Mrs. Burkett	18.00
Mrs. Still	8 15
Mrs. Fair	8.00
Mrs. Patterson	8 30

19. *Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?*

Asa Brogan, D. M. Claton, W. F. Collins, J. P. Easterly, H. J. Henry, Thos. M. McNamara, F. M. Presley, Deacons;

James Murphy, Elder.

20. *Are any of our Literary and Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

See Report on Education.

21. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*

See page 12.

22. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See appointments, page 7.

23. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

New Market, Tennessee.

Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, September 27, 1877.

The Holston Conference of the M. E. Church convened in the First M. E. Church, Knoxville, Tenn., at 10 o'clock a m., September 27, 1877, Bishop Wm L. Harris presiding.

The Bishop, in opening the Conference, read the XXII chapter of the Gospel by Luke, and announced the two hundred and sixty-sixth hymn. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then celebrated, the Bishop officiating, F. M. Fanning, R. W. Patty. J. A. Ruble and T. S. Walker, assisting, the members of the Conference and many Christian friends present participating.

Upon the calling of the roll, fifty-four members were found to be present. J. J. Manker and Jno. W. Mann were nominated for Secretary. The vote was taken by ballot and J. J. Manker was elected.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Nominating Committee, and were given leave to retire for consultation.

Rev. Dr. Fuller, editor of the Methodist Advocate; Rev. W. J. Thurber, of the Cincinnati Conference; Rev. W. W. Bays, of the M. E. Church, South, and A B. Jones, of the Atlanta Book Depository, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, the first four pews in front of the pulpit, together with those on the right and left, were set apart for the use of the Conference.

The hours of 8½ a. m. and 12 m. were fixed as the time of meeting and adjourning.

The Bishop having stated that the Conference was authorized to draw upon the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars, on motion, a draft was ordered accordingly.

At the suggestion of the Bishop a committee consisting of the Presiding Elders, and the following named persons, R. W. Patty, P. H. Reed, J. R. Hughes, A. J. Greer, R. H. Guthrie, A. B. Wright, Wm. Bluford, and James Yarnell, was appointed to prepare a list of the usual standing committees in readiness for the next annual session.

On motion of R. W. Patty, it was decided to hold a special session of the Conference at 3 o'clock to-morrow, (Friday), for the purpose of receiving the reports of the preachers in charge.

Pending the report of the nominating committee, the Rev. Dr. Fuller made some very encouraging remarks relative to the publishing interests in the South.

The time of the session was extended to complete the appointment of committees.

The Nominating Committee presented their report. In relation to the Committee on Missions a minority report was presented by W. C. Graves, which, after some discussion, was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee was then adopted, as follows :

On Education.—J. F. Spence, J. J. Manker, R. Pierce and C. S. Long.

On Church Extension—J. R. Hughes, A. J. Greer, and J. F. Perry.

Freedmen's Aid—Wm. Kinsland, James Yarnell and D. Richardson.

Temperance—T. S. Walker, J. D. Roberson and J. N. Moore.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Sunday-Schools and Tracts—F. M. Cones, J. Albert Hyden and M. A. Rule.

Book Concern Accounts—H. H. Burk, M. Seaton and A. Jordan.

Auditing Committee—P. H. Reed, Wm. M. Haskell, J. N. Moore and James Yarnell.

Stewards—L. Bogart, Geo. Julian and T. H. Hodge.

Postoffices—J. M. Durham, W. M. Cline, T. W. Brown, M. R. M. Burk, J. L. Cardwell, A. B. Wright, J. W. Wells and Wm. Bluford.

Public Worship—F. M. Fanning, J. J. Manker, T. H. Russell, J. B Ford and J. C. Tate.

Church Literature—W. M. Haskell, G. W. Coleman, A. F. Creswell, A. J. Bruner and B. Crist.

Statistics—W. Lucas, T. B. Russell and T. A, Cass.

Bible Society—Wm. H. Rogers, S. Henry and J. D. Lawson.

New York Book Concern—G. W. Heninger.

Episcopal Fund—W. C. Dailey.

Memoirs—N. G. Taylor, A. P. Melton, J. C. Tate, W. C. Daily and J Albert Hyden

District Conference Records—J. F. Spence, J. W. Mann and R. Pierce.

Fraternity—F. M. Fanning, W. C. Graves, J. C. Tate, J. J. Manker. and N. G. Taylor.

After announcements the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev Dr. Fuller.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, September 28, 1877.

The Conference met promptly at 8½ o'clock a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by R. W. Patty.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Book Committee with exhibit of the Book Concerns was presented, read in part, and placed on file.

A paper from the Book Agents relating to the Episcopal Fund was presented by the Bishop, read by the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on that Fund.

On motion, R. W. Patty and R. Pierce were added to the Committee on Episcopal Fund.

A paper from the North Carolina Conference, informing this Conference of the appointment by the North Carolina Conference of a commission of five members, and asking the appointment of a similar one by the Holston Conference, with a view to the re-adjustment of the boundary between the two Conferences, as provided in paragraph 388 of the Discipline, was presented and read and the commission was

appointed as follows: J. W. Mann, J. J. Manker, W. C Dailey, F. M. Fanning and R. W. Patty.

W. C. Graves presented a memorial from the Asheville District Conference relating to the re-arrangement of boundaries between the two Conferences, which, after having been read, was referred to the above named commission.

A letter from C. G. Deming, of the North Carolina Conference, asking a transfer to the Holston Conference was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

R. Pierce was, at his own request, excused from the Committee on District Conference Records, and N. G. Taylor appointed in his stead.

Papers relating to the Central Tennessee College and Freedmen's Aid Society were presented and referred to their appropriate committees.

The third question was taken up, under the consideration of which George F. Young, J. H. Church and S. Skinner were, on account of ill health, discontinued.

T. F. Robeson and P. M. Bewley, not having been present for examination, were continued on trial, and on motion, the appointment of the former requested to the Principalship of Parrottsville High School.

The seventh question was taken up Wm. Lucas, J. F. Perry and J. R. Shultz having passed the necessary examination of character, and having reported their missionary collections, were elected to Elders' orders.

A. C. Peters, James Yarnell, M. Bell, J. B. Seaton and A. G. Watkins, their character having been approved, but not having passed examination, were continued in the second class of Deacons.

On motion of W. C. Graves, a committee of five was ordered on Conference Relations, with the object of taking suitable measures to prevent in the future, the abuse of the disciplinary provisions with regard to supernumerary relations.

Rev. J. S. Burnett, Rev. W. H. Bates and Rev. James A Lyons, of the M. E. Church, South; Rev. Mr. Nugent, of the U B. Church; Rev. William Braine, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Rev. Isaac Emory, Agent of the American Sunday-School Union were introduced.

John Forrester presented a resolution in reference to supernumeraries, which was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

J. N. Baker, P. L. Chambers, A F. English, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. G. Trull, M. Bell, J. F. Woodfin, W. D. Smith, S. W. Hyden, A. F. Shannon and A. C. Peters, after the approval of their character, were continued in the supernumerary relation.

The characters of R. M. Witt, J. P. Milburn, G. W. Coleman, C. Shaw, Jas. Yarnell were passed and their relation changed to effective.

B. F. Wells was granted a superannuated relation, and W. Harkins a location at his own request.

D. Carter and Jno. Forrester, after the usual investigation of character, were continued on the list of superannuates.

The examination of the character of the effective Elders was taken up and F. M. Fanning's character was passed, after which he represented the work in his district. J. J. Manker, D. B. Lawton, R. W. Patty, T. S. Walker, J. H. Jennings, J. M. Durham, S. Henry, J. D. Lawson, T. R. West, B. Crist, W. R. Long, J. W. Mann and R. Pierce were respectively called and their character approved.

J. B. Little, Presiding Elder of Powell's Valley District, after his character had been passed, gave an account of the work in his charge.

Due investigation was then made with regard to the character of R. O. Ayres, E. B. Clark, H. Pyle, P. H. Reed, W. Kinsland, D. Richardson and W. M. Cline.

There being nothing against the character of J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder of the Greeneville District, he represented his work, showing it to be in a prosperous condition. Satisfactory inquiry was made as to the character of L. Bogart, J. L. Cardwell, J. F. Morrison, N. G. Taylor, M. Seaton and J. R. Hughes.

W. C. Graves, Presiding Elder of the Asheville District, was called and his character passed, after which his district was favorably represented.

The characters of T. W. Brown and A. J. Greer were scrutinized with satisfactory result.

J. S. Petty, Presiding Elder of the Chattanooga District, after the usual examination of character, spoke of the state of the work in his charge.

The characters of S. A. Winsor, W. C. Daily, J. A. Hyden, J. N. Moore, J. H. McGriff, J. F. Palmer, George Julian, H. H. Burk, J. F. Spence, J. B. Ford and W. H. Rogers were respectively passed.

R. H. Guthrie was granted a supernumerary relation, and J. N. Stamper a location.

T. A. Russell, Presiding Elder of the Kingston District, read an account of the work in his district, after which A. B. Wright, W. M. Haskell, W. B. Ballenger, S. Greear and T. A. Cass were respectively called and their characters passed.

A. P. Melton, Presiding Elder of the Cleveland District, was called and his character approved, after which he described the condition of his work.

J. C. Tate's character was passed, and he represented the work in the Russellville District, after which Wm. Bluford and C. K. Mays were respectively passed.

On motion of N. G. Taylor, Bishop Harris was requested to deliver an address on Saturday evening, the 29th, on our foreign missionary work.

J. S. Petty, was, on nomination of the Secretary, appointed Recording and J. D. Lawson and C. S. Long Statistical Secretaries.

The usual notices were given, the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by N. G. Taylor, the Conference adjourning by expiration of time.

Second Day—Evening Session.

The Conference met at 3 o'clock p. m , agreeable to adjournment, N. G. Taylor presiding, and L Bogart conducting the opening services.

The business of the hour was taken up and the following method of procedure adopted:

1. The Statistical Secretary, the Treasurers of the Conference Missionary Society, Conference Board of Church Extension and Conference Education Society, and the Chairmen of the Board of Stewards, of the Committees on Freedmen, Sunday-Schools and Tracts, American Bible Society, and Episcopal Fund shall arrange themselves within the altar in the order named, each in readiness to receive the reports due to the interest represented.

2. The Conference Roll shall then be called and each preacher as his name is called shall come forward and present his several re-

ports to the representatives of the Societies and Committees designated to receive the same.

The reports having been presented and there being no other business before the Conference, a motion to adjourn prevailed, and the benediction was pronounced by W. C. Daily.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY MORNING, September 29, 1877.

The Conference met at the appointed hour. The opening services were conducted by W. M. Haskell. The minutes were read and approved.

G. W. Heninger and T. H. Hodge having been favorably represented by the Examining Committee and by their Presiding Elder, were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

The characters of J. C. Wright, A. J. Bruner and Jacob Mann, were passed, but as they were not before the Examining Committee, they were continued in the class of the third year.

The character of G. A. Gowin was passed and his relation continued.

The candidates for full membership were called forward and interrogated by the Bishop according to the Discipline, and also by request of the Conference questioned by the Bishop as to whether they were addicted to the use of tobacco.

James H. Amis, M. R. M Burk, A. F. Creswell, F. M. Hinds, D. S. Hodsden, J. D. Roberson, T. B. Russell and C. S. Long, having been favorably reported as to character and examinations, were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders. F. M. Cones and M. A. Rule were admitted, being in Deacon's Orders.

J. W. Wells had not been before the Examining Committee, and was therefore continued in the class of the second year, his character having been approved. E. J. Hyatt was discontinued at his own request.

Some resolutions on the use of tobacco were presented and adopted.

Rev. J. H. Mitchell and C. P. Letcher, of the A. M. E. Zion Church; J. M. Armistead, of the colored Baptist Church; Rev. Dr. Bartlett, of Maryville College, and Rev. Dr. Savage, of the A. B. Society, were introduced, and the latter addressed the Conference in the interest of the Bible Society.

On motion of J. B. Ford, the order for taking the benevolent collections adopted last year was re-affirmed.

The question of Local Deacon's Orders was taken up, and Hugh J. Henry recommended by the Knoxville District Conference; Asa Brogan and Thomas M. McNamara, recommended by the Powell's Valley District Conference; Jacob P. Easterly and Wm. F. Collins recommended by the Greeneville District Conference; Frederick M. Presley and David M. Claton recommended by the Asheville District Conference, and all duly recommended by the Committee of Examination, were Elected to Deacon's Orders.

James Murphy, recommended by the Greeneville District Conference, and having passed the required examination and assured the Conference of his hearty agreement with the doctrine and discipline of the Church, was elected to Elder's Orders.

James A. Ruble presented a paper reciting the fact of E. M. Lockwood's failure to perform the work assigned last year, and of his contrition therefor, and recommending the passage of his character, which was adopted.

The second question was taken up Samuel B. Scott recommended by the Knoxville District Conference; Wm. T. Senter recommended by the Asheville District Conference; Geo. W. Jarvis recommended by the Powell's Valley District Conference; Geo. M. Stone recommended by the Chattanooga District Conference; Mark W. Broyles recommended by the Kingston District Conference; Alexander Jordan, Andrew J. Fletcher, and Owen M. Hypsher recommended by the Russellville District Conference, having passed the necessary examinations, were received on trial.

J B. Seaton, being favorably represented by the Examining Committee, was elected to Elder's Orders.

The Chairman of the Committee on Church Extension read the report on that subject, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented, and read, in part, by J. F. Spence, but laid over for further consideration.

J. C. Wright's character was passed, but as he had not passed the required examination he was continued in the first class of Deacons. On the recommendation of the Committee on Education, the Bishop was requested to appoint him tutor in the East Tennessee Wesleyan University. The appointment of F. M. Cones as Professor in the Holston Seminary was also requested.

The report of the Committee on the Freedmen's Aid Society was presented and read by the Chairman W. Kinsland, and on motion adopted.

Resolutions of instruction to Examining and other Committees were adopted.

After the usual notices Conference adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock p. m., and Spencer Henry pronounced the benediction.

Third Day—Evening Session.

The Conference met at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Ford. The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

The report on education, so far as it relates to the East Tennessee Wesleyan University, was taken up and read, and after appropriate speeches by J. F. Spence J. S. Matthews Dr. E. Q. Fuller, and Bishop Harris, the report, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted:

Rev. R. Pierce offered a resolution requesting the appointment of Rev. J. F. Spence, by the Board of Education, as General Agent of our Educational Work in the South which was adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Fourth Day—Monday Morning, October 1, 1877.

The Conference met at the appointed hour. The Rev. J. N. Stamper conducted the devotions.

The minutes were read and approved.

The certificate of ordinations was presented by the Bishop, read and placed on file.

The consideration of the report on education was resumed, and the parts relating severally to Candler College, Central Tennessee College and Holston Seminary were adopted, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted.

J. S. Petty read a letter from R. H. Guthrie, asking a superannuated relation, and on motion, his relation was changed accordingly.

It being stated to the Conference that W. M. Clark, a Local Deacon in good standing in the M. E. Church, and residing in the Chattanooga District, had lost his parchments by fire, the President and Secretary were authorized to certify to his standing in Orders.

The Steward's report was read and approved, and the money disposed of as follows:

For Mrs. Duggan, $15.00, paid to J. W. Mann.
For Mrs. Marshall, $15 00, paid to J. S. Petty.
For Mrs Fortner, $15.00, paid to J. L. Cardwell.
For Mrs. Milburn, $15.00, paid to J. P. Milburn.
For Mrs. Burkett, $18 00, paid to George Julian.
For Mrs. Still, $8 15, paid to J. L. Cardwell.
For Mrs. Patterson, $8.30, paid to W. Bluford.

J F. Spence presented a verbal report with some written suggestions relating to District Conference records, which was approved.

F. M. Cones read the report of collections for the Sunday-School and Tract Societies, which, after some remarks by J. B. Ford, was approved.

J. S. Petty read the report of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education, and after some stirring remarks by the Bishop, the same was approved.

The report of the Committee on Church Literature was presented and read by W. M. Haskell. The Rev. Dr. Fuller addressed the Conference on the subject presented in the report, and the report was adopted.

Thomas S. Walker read the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted

The report on collections for the Episcopal Fund was read by W. C. Daily, with some resolutions relating to the manner of taking the collections hereafter. The resolutions, after some discussion, were adopted.

On motion, the order for taking the collections was so far modified as to bring the Episcopal Fund into the second quarter, and the Educational collection into the fourth quarter.

On motion, M. A. Rule and W. B. Ballenger were granted leave of absence.

The Examining Committees were announced.

James A. Ruble presented a resolution relating to Conference relations, which was adopted.

On motion it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7:30 p. m.

On motion of T. R. West it was decided to hold the next session of the Conference at New Market.

R. W. Patty, Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, read his report, which was approved.

The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Church Extension was read and approved.

On motion of J. Albert Ayden, J. F. Spence was appointed President, T. S. Walker, Vice-President, J. W. Mann, Secretary, and J S. Petty, Treasurer of the Conference Education Society.

J. W. Mann, J. A. Ruble and G. W. Coleman were re-appointed as Trustees of the Conference.

The transfer of J. A. Hyden to the Southern Kansas Conference, J. F. Palmer to the Georgia Conference, and J. H. McGriff to the Southern Illinois Conference, was announced.

J. A. Hyden tendered his resignation as a Trustee of Conference, which was, on motion, accepted, and J. B. Little appointed in his stead.

Geo. W. Coleman presented resolutions on the transfer of J. Albert Hyden, which were unanimously adopted by rising vote.

Minutes were read and approved.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned by expiration of time. The benediction was pronounced by Jno. Forrester.

Fourth Day—Evening Session.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Rev. Dr. Taylor, who occupied the chair by appointment of the Bishop. J. Albert Hyden conducted the religious services.

W. H. Rogers presented the report on Bible cause, and supported the same in an able and eloquent address. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Memoirs presented notices of the character of the Rev. Wanser P. Fair and Rev. Wm. Milburn deceased, which were read by the Secretary, and after a most eloquent and beautiful address by N. G. Taylor and some remarks by W. H. Rogers and Rev. Dr. Fuller, were unanimously adopted.

The Statistical report was read and adopted.

Various resolutions of thanks were offered and adopted.

A brief report from the Committee on Fraternity was presented and adopted.

Superannuated relation was granted Spencer Henry at his own request.

J. Albert Hyden made some appropriate remarks on severing his relation with the Conference.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

J. J. Manker rose to a question of privilege and expressed regret that unpleasant reference had been made to affairs connected with the late war. J. W. Mann expressed similar regret.

A resolution of thanks to Bishop Harris was offered, put by the Secretary, and adopted by unanimous vote.

The transfer of C. G. Deming from the North Carolina Conference, and of Wm. McKinley from the Minnesota Conference, was announced by the Bishop, and the relation of the former changed from supernumerary to effective.

On motion D. B. Lawton was made supernumerary.

The Bishop announced the Committee on Church Relations, as follows: J. J. Manker, N. G. Taylor, J. M. Durham, B. Crist and J. F. Spence.

The nominations for the Conference Board of Church Extension were presented and confirmed. See page 3.

On motion, the Presiding Elders and Pastors were appointed Examining Committees for candidates for admission from their respective charges.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read.

A motion was made and seconded to strike the Chatata and Cleveland Circuits from the list of Missions, but the motion did not prevail.

The minutes were read and approved.

A motion to adjourn at the conclusion of the reading of the appointments was carried.

The Bishop made some very interesting and appropriate remarks and read the appointments, after which the doxolgy was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Resolutions.

BISHOP HARRIS.

Resolved, That the most cordial and grateful thanks of this Conference be tendered to Bishop W. L. Harris, D. D., for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, and for the very valuable and interesting lecture delivered by him, on Sunday evening.

J. W. Mann.
J. B. Ford.
J. J. Manker.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference return their hearty thanks to Rev. J. J. Manker, and the citizens of Knoxville for their hospitality in providing comfortable homes for us during the sitting of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Pastors and members of the various Churches in Knoxville have our thanks for courtesies extended to us as a Conference and as individuals.

Resolved, That our Secretaries have our sincere thanks for their efficient services.

Jno. F. Palmer.
Wm. Lucas.
G. W. Coleman.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Resolved, That the Examining Committees and the several classes to be examined meet at the place of holding the next session at 10 o'clock a. m., on the day before its commencement, and that no examinations be permitted after the opening of the session without the permission of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Nominating Committee and the Committee on Conference Relations are hereby instructed to meet and prepare their reports on the day before the opening of the next session in order that business may proceed without delay.

E. M. LOCKWOOD.

Whereas, Bro. E. M. Lockwood did refuse to serve the charge to which he was assigned by Bishop Scott at the last Annual Conference, and

Whereas, He gives evidence of proper contrition, inspiring us with the belief that he is penitent and will not repeat such a folly, therefore,

Resolved, That we condemn his conduct in leaving his charge as a violation of Discipline, but in view of the above facts we will pass his character.

J. A. RUBLE.
N G. TAYLOR.
T. H. RUSSELL.

J. ALBERT HYDEN.

WHEREAS, Bro. J. Albert Hyden has been transferred to the Southern Kansas Conference, and

WAEREAS, Bro. Hyden has been an earnest, industrious and effi cient minister since the organization of our Conference Therefore

Resolved, that he has our hearty sympathy and prayers for his success wherever his lot may be cast; and that we commend him to the brethren of the Conference to which he is transferred, or wherever he may be.

Resolved, further, That if in the Providence of God Brother Hyden should in the future return to East Tennessee, we will welcome him cheerfully to a place in this Conference.

Resolved, That Brother Hyden be and he is hereby requested now to address the Conference with such remarks as the occasion and the circumstances may inspire.

G. W. COLEMAN.
W. C. GRAVES.
F. M. FANNING.
R. W. PATTY.
N. G. TAYLOR.

J. F. SPENCE.

WAEREAS, The last Conference authorized the appointment of an Agent for our Educational Work among the whites of the South. Therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly request the Board of Education of the M. E. Church to appoint the Rev. J. F. Spence, A. M., such Agent, to take the general supervision of this growing and best interest.

TOBACCO.

Resolved, That we earnestly request all our preachers and people to abstain entirely from the use of tobacco.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that candidates for admission on trial in this Conference should be free from the use of tobacco.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Resolved, That we instruct the Presiding Elders to inform all members of the Conference residing within the bounds of their Districts, severally, that a supernumerary relation will be granted to no member of this Conference, at its next Annual Session, who is not entitled to it under a strict interpretation of the Discipline.

Reports of Conference.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that they are sorry to believe that there is a want of interest on the part of many members of this body on the Temperance question.

Very few cry loudly against this great evil. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will be more faithful in preaching against this great evil in all its forms.

T. S. WALKER.
J. D. ROBERSON.
JNO. N. MOORE.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to take up the Episcopal Fund collection during the second quarter, and we agree and pledge ourselves to make up the full amount and forward the same to the Book Agents.

Resolved, That we recognize our obligations, moral and disciplinary, to meet this claim promptly in view of the fact that the Bishops are to share *pro rata* in the funds paid for ministerial support.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders apportion and publish, at once, the apportionments for the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year.

W. C. DAILY, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Your Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society submit the following report:

The Freedmen's Aid Society deserves the sympathy and support of every lover of the Lord Jesus Christ. No true Christian can be indifferent to its claims. Its mission is to the poor and needy of our land. In caring for the down-trodden we are imitating our Divine Master.

This Society, since its organization in 1866, has accomplished much for this needy people. It has expended over $580,000 for edu-

cational purposes, but it is very evident that it has not done what ought to have been accomplished for want of adequate means. $580,000 is very small when compared to 400,000 ignorant human beings who have been set free among us without houses, without lands, without everyting, we may say, that it takes to qualify them for usefulness in time and happiness for time to come. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of Holston Conference will, during the next Conference year, present the cause of this Society faithfully to our several charges and give our people an opportunity to contribute to so worthy an enterprise.

WM. KINSLAND.
D. RICAARDSON.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee believing that the books and periodicals published by the M. E Church, are pure and well calculated to promote the welfare of individuals and of society as well as the interests of the Church, recommend therefore the passage of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, as ministers, we will be more active and vigilant in circulating our own Literature.
2. *Resolved*, That we highly commend the course taken by our Atlanta Advocate, and are proud of its success, and by the grace of God will put forth additional efforts for its increased circulation.

WM M. HASKELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

It is essential to the success of the Church and its final triumph over the hosts of sin to have neat and comfortable houses of Public Worship. The Psalmist realized this fact when he said "I will not give sleep to mine eyes nor slumber to mine eyelids until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the God of Jacob" The world will not come to us unless we furnish them with comfortable houses in which to worship God. If we want added to the Church daily such as shall be saved, we must have substantial and attractive churches in which to gather them. We doubt not that there are thousands of unconverted souls in the world, exposed to the wrath of God, that would long since have been saved by divine grace, had there been houses of God erected in their respective communities, and we awfully fear that many have been forever lost for want of a sanctuary in which to hear the Word of life. This is a startling thought—one that should arouse and alarm the Church and stimulate her to greater efforts than ever before made to build beautiful and lovely temples for the living God all over the land. We remark further that we cannot hold the ground already taken if this great work is not attended to.

No Church without a house in which to hear the Gospel, offer the prayer of faith and sing the sweet songs of Zion, can long survive. It will evidently decline and finally become extinct. Brethren we *we must have churches.* We cannot live without them. We rejoice that the Holston Conference is making rapid progress in this department of Church work. Within the last four years more than a score of comfortable and substantial houses of worship have been erected within its bounds, and from within their sacred walls the voice of praise and the shout of triumph are ascending the Hill of the Lord. The object of the Church Extension Society is to assist Societies that are financially weak by both donations and loans in building churches. It has rendered efficient aid to our own and other Conferences. Hundreds of houses for the worship of God have been built, and doubtless thousands of souls won to Jesus through the instrumentality of this grand Gospel enterprise. Let us, therefore, as Pastors of the Church, earnestly present this cause to our people from the pulpit, urge upon them the importance of supporting it, and take collections for it in all of our congregations

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. HUGHES.
A. J. GREER.
J. F. PERRY.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to make the following report:

The day has come when "the Sunday-School is recognized as one of the most potent agencies in the make-up of the world's moral forces.

The pulpit undoubtedly is the first and chief agent employed by our Heavenly Father for the world's conversion Next to it comes the Sunday-School. It is the pulpit's best auxiliary. Therefore, a Methodist Sunday-School is the best auxiliary of the Methodist pulpit. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we will, at every appointment where we can get ten scholars, organize a Methodist Sunday-School, and will see that it is supplied with our own literature

Resolved, 2d. That we will preach at all of our appointments upon the value and importance of the Sunday-School work.

Resolved, 3d. That we will organize all of our Sunday-Schools into Missionary Societies.

Resolved, 4th. That wherever and whenever practicable we will hold special meetings for the benefit of children.

Resolved, 5th. That we will take a collection for the Sunday-School Union of our own Church.

Resolved, 6th. That we recommend the Annual Conference to be organized into a Sunday-School Society auxiliary to the Sunday-

school Union of our Church; and we recommend the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:

President ..... J. W. Mann.
Vice-President ..... T. S Walker.
Secretary ..... C. S. Long.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

J. J. Manker, J. N. Moore, A. J. Bruner, J. H. Jennings and T. W. Brown.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. Cones,
J. A. Hyden.
M. A. Rule.
Committee.

REPORT OF BIBLE COMMITTEE.

During the past two years great efforts have been made by the friends of the Bible cause to ascertain what is the destitution of the Word of Life in our bounds.

We mention the destitution in a few counties as an index of the whole. In Blount county one-seventh of the families of her three thousand voting population, were found without the Bible. In Polk county more than five hundred families were entirely without the Bible, and many of them without even a Testament.

From all we can learn, the same destitution exists, to a greater or less extent, both in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

We rejoice in what the American Bible Society has done, and is still doing, to supply all the people within our bounds with the Word of God.

In conclusion your Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we will bring the Bible cause before the people of our several charges, and urge the necesity of increased efforts, both to distribute the Bible and to contribute funds to its support.

Resolved, 2. That we request the presiding Bishop of this Conference to appoint W. H. Rogers as Bible Colporteur for this Conference for the ensuing year.

W. H. Rogers.
Spencer Henry.
J D. Lawson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

EAST TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This Institution has never accomplished better work for her students, for the Church or for the general public, than during the past twelve months. Never has the zeal, competency, or fidelity of her Professors been greater, nor have the prospects of the University for usefulness ever seemed more flattering than at the present. Every dollar

of indebtedness has been liquidated, the property neatly improved, and a greater number of students in her halls during the past year than ever before—the enrollment having reached one hundred and ninety-one. The prospect for the coming year is flattering—a greater number of pupils by twenty per cent. than at this time in the term of last year. Thirty young men preparing for the ministry are already in the school, or have made application for aid to enable them to enter.

If the influence of education be an important factor of this great and growing South; if our Methodism requires an institution of learning of high grade as any in the country; if we cannot hope to hold our position in this country without an educated ministry, then it is our most solemn and *imperative* duty to bestir ourselves to this great work bequeathed to us by the founders of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we will heartily continue our efforts in behalf of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University, that the largest means of usefulness may be realized, and that we will earnestly commend it to all our people for their liberal contributions, and especially to those whom God has given substance, requesting them to remember this worthy enterprise in their bequests.

2d. *Resolved*, That for the purpose of obtaining funds to aid young men preparing for the ministry, to improve the property, and build up the general interest of the University, that subscriptions be taken in the various charges, secured by note, payable in five annual installments, (without interest if subscribers desire it), in any sum for not less than five dollars per annum.

3d. *Resolved*, That the President of the University, or an Agent whom he may appoint, aided by the Pastors of the Churches, shall take said subscriptions during the first half of the Conference year; and that we will personally pledge ourselves to give of our means to the extent of our ability.

4th. *Resolved*, That for the carrying forward of this work a committee of three from each District shall be appointed by the President of the Conference Educational Society and the Secretary of the Conference, so as to cause said committee to appear in the minutes of this session of Conference.

5th. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of Rev. J. C. Wright as Tutor in the East Tennessee Wesleyan University for the ensuing year.

6th. *Resoleed*, That we recommend the appointment of Rev. J A. Ruble, Rev. R. Pierce, B. Crist, M. A. Rule, J. L. Cardwell, J. R. Shultz, W. Lucas, A. J. Greer, H. H. Burk, W. C. Daily, J. L. Perry, J. B. Little, J. R. Hughes and F. M. Cones as Visitors and Examiners for the ensuing year.

7th. *Resolved*, That we confirm the nominations of the Board of

Trustees of J S. Petty, J. W Ramsey, C C. Wester, E. L. Fuller, J. S. Matthews and C. W. Vinson as Trustees whose term expires in 1880.

HOLSTON SEMINARY.

This institution is evidently entering upon a career of increasing prosperity. The property, now worth $10,000—neat, attractive and well furnished—is free from debt. During the past year Prof. J. H. Ketron, A. M., rendered efficient and faithful service. There are now three teachers. The examinations at the close of the year showed a year of thorough and successful study and instruction. A gracious revival occurred the second session. More than a score were converted and added to the Church. A good religious influence pervaded the school. The Seminary, including the Primary Department, now numbers *one hundred and ten.* Our ministers and people are turning their attention to the Holston Seminary. The present and prospective patronage of the Seminary demands the immediate erection of a boarding house on the grounds. For this, funds are needed, and also one thousand dollars to increase the working facilities of the Seminary. By a judicious and faithful canvass of our territory we are confident that we can bring the school up to one hundred and fifty students. In view of the facts presented by the present condition of the Seminary we recommend: 1st. That the Bishop re-appoint Bev. R. Pierce, A. M., as Principal. 2d. That he appoint Rev. F. M. Cones, A. M., as Professor of Languages and Literature.

CANDLER COLLEGE.

This Institution under the supervision of the Asheville District, near Asheville, N C., has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the last year. We commend it to the Conference and Churches in that section of the country where it is located. During the past year the enrollment reached seventy-five students. The Rev. C. S. Long is now in charge of the institution, and your committee recommend that he be re-appointed to the Presidency. We also recommend that Rev. C. G. Deming be transferred to the Holston Conference and appointed Financial Agent to the Candler College.

CENTRAL TENNESSEE COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified with the work and prosperity of the Central Tennessee College, and we would recognize its increased prosperity and usefulness, and heartily commend it and its able corps of teachers to our colored people, and do hereby recommend the appointment of J. C. Tate and A. P. Melton as a visiting committee for the ensuing year.

FRATERNITY.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that all disputes with the M. E. Church, South, about titles to Church property should be settled according to the agreement at Cape May, which limited the date of enumerating the number of members for the purpose of such settlement to August, 1876, and includes all kinds of Church property covered by the action of the General Conference of 1844.

F. M. FANNING, Chairman.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee would respecfully make the following suggestions:

1st. That the Presiding Elders be requested to have the records of their respective District Conferences at the seat of the Annual Conference by the first day its of session.

2d. That there be purchased by each District Conference a journal of suitable size, say 10x15, with suitable headlines and margin.

3d. Let the proceedings be carefully entered with great neatness, after they have been approved by the District Conference.

4th. Let the roll of the names of members be carefully written with columns to note their presence or absence for each session.

5th. All the statistics and all reports should be recorded in full, and the Journal paged with a complete index.

6th. In all cases of trial let the record be full—the charges, decisions, law ruling, be spread on the Journal, and each should be properly signed by the President and Secretary.

J. F. SPENCE, Chairman.

MEMOIRS.

REV. WANSER P. FAIR.

This worthy minister of the Lord Jesus, after a short illness died in the triumphs of faith on the 13th day of December, 1876. The last charge assigned to him by this Conference was the Midway Circuit, Russellville District. Brother Fair was born and raised in South Carolina. The number of the years of his prilgrimage is unknown; in all of them, of which we have any knowledge, he was true and faithful. During the few years he was connected with the Holston Conference he bore an unblemished character. He was zealous and very useful in the field of labor. His work for the Church was hard, with poor pay—yet he did not murmur. As he lived, so he died, a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. The record of his labors is written on high. God will preserve them in everlasting remembrance.

REV. WM. MILBURN.

The subject of this brief memoir was born near Winchester, Va., on the 16th Sept. 1797.

His father with his family emmigrated to Tennessee and settled in Greene county where he himself was reared to manhood and was united in marriage with Martha Fraw in 1818.

He joined the M. E. Church in 1825. A few weeks afterwards he was licensed to exhort, and in 1827 received authority to preach the Gospel. He spent much of his time, till 1843, in holding protracted meetings. While his physical powers continued his success in the ministry was wonderful. Within a single year he received into the Church one thousand thirty-two probationers, and under his ministry more than fifteen hundred persons professed religion

He served the Church energetically, earnestly and successfully upon the Rheatown, Athens, Kingsport, Elizabethton, Blountville, Estelville, Greeneville, Jonesboro, Newport and Fall Branch charges, severally, down to the year 1862.

In obedience to powerful convictions, when the civil war broke out, he stood unflinchingly loyal to the National Government—was silenced by the dominant authority of the Conference—was arrested several times by the Confederate forces—at last escaped and made his way through the Feperal lines and joined the Union forces at Gallatin, Tenn., where he was appointed Chaplain of the 8th Tennessee Cavalry Volunteers, which position he accupied until the close of the war.

In 1855 he again entered the travelling connection of the M. E. Church, at Athens, Tenn., and in 1867 was appointed Presiding Elder of the Abingdon District of the Holston Conference, which was subsequently attached to the Virginia Conference, thus severing his relations with this body. He remained in this work till in 1875 he was stricken with paralysis. After painful afflictions, protracted for three years, on the 22d of September, 1877, he passed to his rest—having lived on earth eighty years and six days.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. Wm. Milburn, the Conference to which he belonged has lost one of its shining lights, and the members of this body, cherishing the memory of his many noble virtues, will endeavor to emulate his devotedness, courage, earnestness and faithfulness as a minister of God, and do most heartily sympathize and condole with the family of the departed brother in their great bereavment and deep distress. N. G. TAYLOR, Chairman.

E. Dean Dow. Geo. Brownlow.

CENTRAL AGENCY,

—FOR—

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E. DEAN DOW,

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ASSETS, July 1, 1877,.....$3,205,000

GEO. BROWNLOW, Agent,

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bp'm		Church Property.				Sab'th Schools		
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.
Knoxville District.													
Knoxville, First Charge	16	200	2	1	10	14	1	$30,000	...	.....	1	15	180
" Second "	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Knox Circuit	1	406	1	6	3	2	4	4,000	...	.....	2	.....	.....
Campbell Station	53	329	2	3	5	12	5	6,500	...	.....	5	37	318
Thorn Grove	54	358	6	6	11	10	3	2,500	1	$500	5	30	265
Little River	94	507	3	4	5	4	6	6,000	...	.....	4	36	176
Sevierville	57	600	4	4	12	8	6	3,600	...	.....	9	101	784
Fair Garden	71	487	2	7	8	24	6	3,700	...	.....	5	35	125
New Market	15	387	5	7	11	9	4	6,500	...	.....	3	31	294
Maryville	30	415	1	5	11	7	4	3,700	1	500	4	33	327
Madisonville	20	380	3	1	4	3	1	200	...	.....	2	15	50
Loudon	10	227	1	2	10	8	3	700	...	.....	2	18	145
TOTAL	421	4296	30	46	90	101	43	$67,400	2	$1,000	42	351	2,664
Powell's Valley District.													
Fincastle	15	223	2	4	1	11	2	1,600	1	$400	3	14	130
Jacksboro	28	270	2	5	10	6	3	2,000	...	.....	2	15	100
Clinton	25	325	6	1	15	8	2	700	1	350	12	48	420
Huntsville	7	172	1	...	...	.....	1	100	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Sneedville	56	286	10	6	15	5	1	1,000	...	.....	1	6	70
Tazewell	51	491	12	9	18	16	...	.....	...	.....	10	80	300
Maynardsville	36	230	3	3	5	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	6	40
Rutledge	.....	413	3	1	8	4	3	3,500	1	200	3	15	150
Rogersville	59	240	2	2	...	.....	3	1,200	...	.....	5	15	115
Speedwell and Clear Fork	43	321	4	...	...	.....	5	1,000	...	.....	3	15	90
TOTAL	320	2975	45	31	72	50	20	$11,100	3	$950	41	214	1,415
Greeneville District													
Greeneville	3	105	...	1	1	.....	1	3,500	1	$1,000	1	12	110
Greeneville Circuit	15	250	3	6	40	.....	4	5,000	...	.....	7	45	365
Rheatown	43	655	6	5	6	12	9	7,900	...	.....	3	31	275
Fall Branch	30	456	4	5	6	8	5	1,900	...	.....	2	15	100
Jonesboro	13	109	2	2	1	.....	1	3,000	...	.....	2	13	120
Jonesboro Circuit	56	349	2	7	1	11	...	.....	...	.....	6	15	95
Elizabethton	35	83	2	3	4	8	1	1,000	...	.....	1	12	75
Elizabethton Circuit	60	407	...	4	8	4	2	1,800	...	.....	5	25	205
Taylorville	90	300	2	6	5	35	1	250	...	.....	4	20	170
Kingsport	60	330	2	3	5	10	4	2,600	...	.....	3	25	150
St. Clair	104	436	3	...	3	.....	4	3,000	...	.....	4	18	260
Bakersville	35	220	1	4	7	2	1	350	...	.....	...	.....	.....
TOTAL	544	3700	27	46	87	90	33	$30,300	1	$1,000	38	231	1,925
Asheville District.													
Asheville	20	290	2	1	4	20	1	200	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Hendersonville	54	396	3	1	20	12	3	1,500	...	.....	5	15	200
Catawba	55	175	1	1	...	3	2	750	...	.....	2	15	85
McDowell	17	183	4	5	4	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4	4	100
Leicester	20	125	1	1	2	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	.....	30
Waynesville	12	300	7	2	...	4	1	450	1	$325	...	.....	.....
Webster	15	127	3	3	1	1	...	.....	...	.....	2	11	40
Newport	64	318	7	2	2	10	2	800	...	.....	1	18	180
Parrottsville	18	322	3	2	15	2	1	500	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Morristown	50	265	4	1	8	10	2	4,000	1	450	3	21	170
Mossy Creek	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Lick Creek	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
TOTAL	325	2411	35	19	56	62	12	$8,200	2	$725	19	84	805

Benevolent Collections.

Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Women's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.
	Churches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.							
$1 00	$40 00	.....	$40 00	.....	$10 00	$2 00	$2 00	$2 00	$8 00	$2 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 80	36 00	20	36 20	.....	4 20	1 91	2 00	1 30	1 30	1 30
.....	27 00	.....	27 00	.....	2 00	1 25	2 50	.....	9 00	.....
.....	12 70	.....	12 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 10	65 00	.....	65 00	.....	2 00	.....	36	1 00	.....	.....
.....	48 75	.....	48 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	4 55	.....	4 55	.....	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
2 00	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	50	1 25	.....	.....	1 50
75	8 50	.....	8 50	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....
.....	65	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	20 00	.....	20 00	$1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
$12 65	$275 15	20	$275 35	$1 00	$20 30	$6 66	$10 06	$5 30	$19 30	$5 80
$4 00	.....	$10 00	$10 00	.....	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	25	25	.....
1 50	15 50	.....	15 50	.....	2 00	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....
2 00	10 00	2 00	12 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	$1 00
.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 35	3 00	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	15	15	50	50	50
1 00	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
.....	13 00	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	80	.....	60	.....	.....	.....
.....	5 80	.....	5 80	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
$12 50	$53 80	$14 00	$67 80	.....	$6 80	$3 50	$9 05	$1 75	$1 75	$2 50
$1 00	10 00	$2 85	$12 85	.....	2 06	50	$2 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 50
1 05	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	5 00	50	60	1 45	1 45	.....
2 00	43 50	10 00	52 50	.....	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00
75	6 50	.....	6 50	.....	1 00	1 50	1 50	50	1 00	50
1 00	17 00	.....	17 00	.....	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....
50	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
.....	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	50	.....	37	.....	50	.....
2 50	17 50	.....	17 50	.....	2 50	50	50	1 00	1 00	1 00
.....	10 05	.....	10 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
50	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	25	1 00	25	1 00	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....
$9 30	$144 55	$12 85	$157 40	.....	$19 00	$5 40	$8 12	$6 20	$16 05	$4 85
50	20 00	$3 00	23 00	.....	50	25	$5 00	25	.....	25
25	11 00	.....	11 00	.....	25	25	1 00	.....	.....	75
50	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	25	25	50	25	25	25
.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	40	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	1 15
.....	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	85	1 00	.....	.....	6 00
3 00	2 00	10 15	12 00	45	50	40	40	50	.....	.....
.....	6 20	.....	6 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$4 25	$58 20	$13 00	$48 25	45	$1 90	$2 00	$9 55	$1 00	25	$9 55

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bp'm		Church Property.				Sab'th Schools		
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.
Chattanooga District													
Chattanooga	10	96	2	1	....	1	1	$1,500	1	$2,500	1	22	225
Chattanooga Circuit	10	140	2	...	...	....	...	.....	...	.....	3	12	120
Chatata	38	416	4	5	10	8	5	2,000	...	.....	4	38	235
Cleveland	10	68	...	1	8	.....	1	4,000	...	.....	1	12	100
Cleveland Circuit	19	405	2	3	17	14	7	1,600	...	.....	5	50	275
Ducktown	25	96	3	...	....	.....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Murphy	15	125	3	...	....	.....	....	.....	...	.....	2	6	50
Athens	.....	65	1	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	12	125
Athens Circuit	10	375	4	5	10	18	7	3,000	...	.....	3	28	150
Riceville	72	372	5	2	20	18	3	1,500	...	.....	3	26	189
Blue Springs	71	469	4	2	11	3	8	2,500	...	.....	7	28	350
TOTAL	280	2627	30	19	76	62	32	$16,100	1	$2,500	30	234	1,819
Kingston District.													
Kingston	3	68	...	1	....	3	1	$1,000	...	.....	1	13	90
Sulpher Springs	10	235	6	2	....	10	1	700	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Scarboro	25	330	4	1	18	12	5	1,800	...	.....	6	30	360
Wartburg	60	323	6	3	20	25	5	1,000	...	.....	4	20	100
Jamestown	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Crossville	61	258	2	6	7	9	...	.....	...	.....	5	25	125
Hamilton	21	190	6	3	6	8	4	2,000	...	.....	4	20	150
Washington	19	119	1	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Jasper	31	288	4	5	8	3	2	650	...	.....	1	5	40
Battle Creek	34	166	8	1	5	13	4	700	....	.....	...	.....	.....
Pikeville Circuit	20	200	2	...	...	.....	....	.....	...	.....	3	.....	150
TOTAL	284	2227	39	20	64	83	22	$7,850	....	.....	24	113	1,115
Cleveland District.													
Chattanooga	39	38	5	2	6	27	1	$2,600	...	.....	1	21	215
Tyner's	22	320	6	4	13	13	3	1,800	...	.....	8	11	160
Decatur	2	86	1	2	....	3	1	300	...	.....	3	6	45
Rhea	8	70	1	1	6	8	1	375	...	.....	1	10	46
Washington	13	105	2	2	6	12	4	900	...	.....	3	4	60
Marion	8	98	2	....	....	5	1	300	...	.....	3	9	125
TOTAL	82	717	17	11	32	68	11	$5,675	...	.....	19	61	651
Russellville District.													
Knoxville	18	185	4	...	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Ebenezer	.....	.....	...	....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Midway	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Sevierville	35	90	2	3	8	20	1	200	...	.....	3	.....	200
Russellville	8	46	...	....	....	.....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Hawkins	35	70	3	....	...	.....	....	.....	...	.....	....	.....	.....
Mineral Hill	14	127	2	....	...	.....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Coal Creek	15	108	5	1	5	4	1	700	...	.....	4	12	104
Greeneville	15	118	...	1	10	7	1	1,700	...	.....	1	8	90
Morristown	3	50	1	1	4	3	1	1,000	...	.....	1	11	75
Watawga	6	80	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	—	.....	...	.....	.....
Robertsville	89	116	2	...	....	.....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Beech Creek	17	36	...	....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
Concord	68	223	2	4	6	7	7	118	...	.....	5	10	200
TOTAL	323	1247	21	10	33	41	11	$3,718	...	.....	14	41	669

Benevolent Collections.

Conference Claimants.	*For Missions.* Churches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.	Women's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.
$2 50	$16 50	$4 00	$20 50	$1 00	$12 00	$2 00	$2 00	$2 50	$20 00	$5 00
7 25	14 00		14 00		5 00	2 50	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 25
	10 00	2 00	12 00		3 00		3 00			
2 50	35 16		35 16		25		5 10	15	3 40	5 10
2 00	75 00	57 50	132 50		2 00	1 00		1 00	7 00	8 00
1 00	2 00		2 00						15 15	
	4 50		4 50							
	2 00		2 00				50			
	5 00	25	5 25							
	1 00		1 00							
$15 25	$165 16	$63 75	$228 91	$1 00	$22 25	$5 50	$13 00	$4 90	$31 80	$19 35
	$1 00		$1 00							
$1 00	3 00		3 00							
50	1 00		1 00							
1 75	8 25		8 25						$6 00	
		$1 00	1 00							
		5 00	5 00							
75	5 00		5 00		25	$1 00	$1 00		1 00	$1 25
	5 00		5 00		50		2 00		2 00	
1 00	5 00		5 00				25			10
	1 00		1 00							
1 00	5 00		5 00							
$6 00	$34 25	$6 00	$40 25		75	$1 00	$3 25		$9 00	$1 35
	4 30		$4 30		2 00		40	$2 00		
	8 00		8 00							
	3 05		3 05							
	1 95		1 95							
	75		1 75							
	1 00		1 00		50		$1 00	20		
	$20 05		$20 05		$2 50		$1 40	$2 20		
	1 50		1 50					75	60	
	1 05		1 05							
	3 00		3 00		50	25	25	$1 50		50
1 00								1 00		
$1 00	$5 55		$5 55		50	25	25	$3 25	60	50

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Collections, Etc.					Sunday Schools.			
	Support of Bishops.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars Fifteen years old and over.
Knoxville District.									
Knoxville First Charge	$5 00			$10 75	$10 75	1	15	180	75
" Second Charge									
Knox Circuit	4 80			4 00	3 77	3			
Campbell Station	1 00			11 00	3 25	5	37	318	
Thorn Grove				4 60	3 18	5	35	265	
Little River	5 00			5 50	3 84	4	36	176	
Sevierville	3 75	75	45	4 00	3 00	9	101	784	
Fair Garden	25			2 50	1 25	6	35	125	
New Market	1 00		$1 70	4 00	2 43	3	31	294	
Maryville	1 00	60		4 50	2 60	4	33	320	200
Madisonville	50			2 50	1 00	2	15	65	25
Loudon	1 60	$1 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2	18	145	60
TOTAL	$23 30	$2 35	$6 15	$58 35	$44 29	44	254	2,672	460
Powell's Valley District.									
Fincastle	$2 00	10	$2 90	$3 40	$1 90	3	14	130	
Jacksboro	2 00	52	2 50	3 98	2 28	2	15	100	
Clinton	2 00	2 46		4 00	2 00				
Huntsville				1 50	1 28				
Sneedville	1 00	8 00		2 00	1 38	1	6	70	
Tazewell	20			3 00	1 60	10	80	300	
Maynardsville				1 50	77	2	6	40	
Rutledge				3 00	1 50	3	15	150	
Rogersville				3 00	1 80				
Speedwell and Clear Fork				2 50	1 50	3	15	90	
TOTAL	$7 20	$11 02	$5 40	$32 88	$20 01	24	151	880	
Greeneville District.									
Greeneville	$1 00		$8 50	$4 00	$4 00	1	12	110	50
Greeneville Circuit	5 00	$8 00		4 00	3 33	7	45	365	180
Rheatown	4 00	11 50	1 25	5 00	4 05	3	31	257	125
Fall Franch	2 25	7 00		4 50	4 10	2	15	100	
Jonesboro	4 00			3 00	1 71	2	13	120	
Jonesboro Circuit	1 00			3 50	1 36	6	15	95	
Elizabethton	35	20	1 30	4 00	3 45	1	12	75	30
Elizabethton Circuit	4 50			3 00	1 72	5	25	205	
Taylorsville	1 00			3 60	3 25	4	20	150	
Kingsport	2 50			3 00	2 40	3	25	150	75
St. Clair	1 00	4 00		3 00	2 70	4	18	230	200
Bakersville				2 00	97				
TOTAL	$25 60	$26 70	$11 05	$49 70	$39 54	38	228	1,875	660
Asheville District.									
Asheville	25			$3 00	$2 25				
Hendersonville	1 00	$5 00		2 50	1 80	5	15	140	75
Catawba	50			2 50	1 56	2	15	85	
McDowell				1 00	61	4	4	100	
Leicester				2 40	1 50	1	6	30	
Waynesville				2 85	2 65				
Webster				3 00	1 32	2	11	40	
Newport	1 00			2 10	2 10	1	18	180	
Parrotsville	3 20			3 00	1 97	2	19	130	
Morristown	50	3 00	50	3 25	1 98	3	21	170	
Mossy Creek				3 00	1 40				
Lick Creek									
TOTAL	$6 45	$8 00	50	$33 90	$23 32	21	109	875	75

Sunday Schools.

Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of School this Year.	Sunday School Classmates taken.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.
55	50	120	15	50	25	300				15
			23	58	2	100				
		208	23	58	70	55				6
					12					5
					40					
		125	35							
					19	543				13
			33		13					
18		60	15	20	21					
65	20	40	18	50	5	20	5 00		25	2
183	70	553	162	236	207	1,018	$5 00		25	42
			14	50	8		$10 00			2
					62					
					40					
					3					
		50	5	7	25	75	13 00			
					169					
					5					
					39		22 00	15		
		50	19	57	342	75	$45 00	15		2
30	30	70	12	25		150	$20 00			10
70	50	200	45	60	10	890				
100	50	250	27	150	15	450	20 00			6
			13				18 00			15
					60					
25	25	65	30	20		20	8			
		120	11	30						
			20	90	49					
50	25	100	25	100	10	300	10 00			
60				28	42	300				
335	178	805	183	475	186	2110	$71 00			31
					90					
					90					
					45	150	$14 00			3
					20					
					245	150	$14 00			3

NOTE.—Several charges presented no Statistical Reports. The blanks have been supplied as far as possible from last year's Statistics, but a number have unavoidably been left blank.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Collections, Etc.					Sunday Schools.			
	Support of Bishops.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars Fifteen years old and over.
Chattanooga District									
Chattanooga	$7 00	$3 80	$14 00	$10 90	$10 90	1	22	225	90
Ooltewah						3	12	120	
Chatata	4 00			4 80	4 80	4	38	238	125
Cleveland	3 00		12 00	5 00	3 30	1	12	100	
Cleveland Circuit	2 00			4 80	3 27	5	50	275	
Ducktown									
Murphy				2 40	1 42	2	6	50	
Athens				6 00		1	12	125	60
Athens Circuit				4 90	3 20	3	28	150	
Riceville	10			2 50	1 36	3	26	189	107
Blue Springs				2 50	1 30	7	28	350	50
TOTAL	$16 20	$3 80	$26 00	$50 30	$33 55	30	234	1,822	432
Kingston District.									
Kingston	$1 00			$1 50	$1 00	1	13	90	50
Sulpher Springs				3 67	1 45				
Scarboro	50			2 50	1 40	6	30	360	
Wartburg				2 50	1 18	4	20	100	
Jamestown									
Crossville				2 60	1 42				
Hamilton	$1 00	50		2 90	1 85	4	20	150	85
Washington	2 00								
Jasper	1 00			3 00	1 45	1	5	40	25
Battle Creek									
Pikeville Circuit				4 00	1 20				
TOTAL	$3 50	50		$28 67	$15 27	16	88	740	160
Cleveland District.									
Chattanooga	$2 00			$8 40	$3 19	1	21	215	
Tyner's	1 45			2 50	66	8	11	360	
Decatur	67			1 20	64	3	6	45	
Rhea		$2 00	75	2 25	70	1	10	46	
Marion				3 60	66	3	9	125	
Washington				2 80	66	3	4	60	
TOTAL	$4 10	$2 00	75	$20 75	$6 51	22	61	851	
Russellville District.									
Knoxville									
Ebenezer									
Midway									
Sevierville	50			$1 75	90	2	8	200	
Russellville									
Hawkins									
Mineral Hill									
Coal Creek		13	$2 00	75	60	2	8	90	
Greeneville						1			
Morristown	25	17		60	31	1	11	75	
Watawga									
Robertsville									
Beech Creek									
Concord				2 00	93	5	10	200	
TOTAL	75	30	$2 00	$5 10	$2 74	10	37	565	

Sunday Schools.

Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Te'chers & Scholars	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of School this Year.	Sunday School Classmates taken.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.
60	75	174	119	10	2	500	1 08	.....	100	20
.....	.....	112	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
110	.....	198	.....	.....	8	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	26	85	10	.....	2	200	50	.....	.....	50
.....	.....	200	45	150	15	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	40	75	8	60	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
50	.....	.....	22	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
250	50	40	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
495	191	914	104	220	153	1090	$1 58	.....	100	44
40	.....	80	8	40	3	.....	30	.....	.....	6
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	25	.....	.....	30	600	.....	.....	.....	.....
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65	.....	.....	20	60	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	25	4	.....	35	200	.....	.....	.....	6
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105	.....	130	32	100	102	800	30	.....	.....	12
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	40	48	28	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	90	.....	.....	5	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	130	48	28	41	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	245	13	.....	35	.....	$7 75	.....	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION BY

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	*Membership.* Probationers.	Full Members	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	*Baptisms* Children.	Adults.	*Church Property.* Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	*Sabbath Schools.* Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.
Knoxville Dist'ct.	421	4,296	30	46	90	101	43	$67,400	2	$1000	42	351	2,664
Chattanooga "	280	2,627	30	19	76	62	32	16,100	1	2500	30	234	1,819
Greeneville "	544	3,700	27	46	87	90	33	30,300	1	1000	38	231	1,925
Asheville "	325	2,411	35	19	56	62	12	8,200	2	725	19	84	805
Kingston "	284	2,227	39	20	64	83	22	7,850	...	.....	24	113	1,015
Powells' Val'y "	320	2,975	45	31	72	50	20	11,100	3	950	41	214	1,415
Cleveland "	82	717	17	11	32	68	11	5,675	...	.....	19	61	651
Russellville "	323	1,247	21	10	33	41	11	3,718	...	.....	14	41	669
GRAND TOTAL.....	2579	18,400	244	202	510	557	184	$144,943	9	$6175	227	1,329	10,963

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	*Collections, Etc.* Support of Bishops.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support.	*Sunday Schools.* No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars Fifteen years old and over.
Knoxville Dist'ct.	$23 30	$2 35	$6 15	$58 35	$44 29	44	254	2,672	460
Chattanooga "	16 20	3 80	26 00	59 30	35 55	30	234	1,822	432
Greeneville "	26 60	26 70	10 05	49 70	39 54	38	228	1,875	660
Asheville "	6 45	8 00	50	33 90	23 32	21	109	875	75
Kingston "	3 50	50	.....	28 67	15 27	16	88	704	160
Powell's Val'y "	7 20	11 04	5 40	32 88	20 01	24	151	880	.....
Cleveland "	4 10	2 00	75	27 75	11 13	22	61	851	.....
Russellville "	75	30	2 00	5 10	2 74	10	37	565	.....
GRAND TOTAL.....	$88 10	$54 69	$50 85	$286 65	$189 85	205	1,162	10,244	1,787

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$12 65	$275 15	20	$275 35	$1 00	$20 30	$6 66	$16 06	$15 30	$19 30	$5 80
15 25	165 16	$63 75	228 91	1 06	22 25	5 50	13 00	4 90	31 80	19 35
9 30	144 55	12 85	157 40	.....	19 00	5 40	8 12	6 20	16 05	4 85
4 25	58 20	13 00	71 20	45	1 90	2 00	9 55	1 00	.....	9 55
6 00	34 25	6 00	40 25	.....	75	1 00	3 25	.....	9 00	1 35
12 50	53 80	14 00	67 80	.....	6 80	3 50	9 05	1 75	1 75	2 50
.....	20 05	.....	20 05	.....	2 50	.....	1 40	2 20	.....	.....
1 00	5 55	.....	5 55	.....	50	25	25	3 25	60	50
$60 98	$756 71	$109 80	$866 51	$2 45	74 00	$24 31	$54 68	$24 60	$78 59	$43 90

Sunday Schools.

Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books	Total Expenses of School this Year.	SundaySchool Classmates taken.	SundaySchool Advocates taken.	SundaySchool Journals taken.
138	70	553	162	236	207	1,018	$5 00	.....	25	42
495	191	914	104	220	153	1,090	1 58	.....	100	44
335	178	805	183	475	186	2,110	71 60	.....	.....	31
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	245	150	14 00	.....	.....	3
105	.....	130	32	106	102	800	30 00	.....	.....	12
.....	.....	50	19	57	342	75	45 00	15	.....	2
.....	.....	130	48	2	41	200	8 00	.....	.....	.....
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10,73	439	2,827	561	1,116	1,311	5,443	$331 00	15	125	134

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KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Knoxville First Charge,	$40.20
Knox Circuit	36 00
Campbell Station,	27.00
Thorn Grove,	12.70
Little River,	65.00
Sevierville,	48.75
Fair Garden,	4.55
New Market,	12.00
Maryville,	8.50
Madisonville,	.65
Loudon,	20.00
	$275.55

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT,

Asheville,	$23.00
Hendersonville,	11.00
Catawba,	3.00
McDowell,	1.00
Leicester,	2.00
Waynesville,	5.00
Webster,	2.00
Newport,	2.00
Parrottsville,	4.00
Morristown,	12.00
Mossy Creek,	6.20
	$71.20

POWEL'S VALLEY DISTRICT.

Fincastle,	$10.00
Jacksboro,	15 50
Clinton,	12.00
Huntsville,	1.00
Speedwell,	5 80
Tazewell,	2.00
Maynardville,	1.50
Rutledge,	13.00
Rogersville,	2.00
Sneedville,	5.00
	$67.80

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Chattanooga,	$20.50
Chatata,	14.00
Cleveland,	12.00
" Circuit,	35.16
Ducktown,	132.50
Murphy,	2.00
Athens,	4.50
" Circuit,	2.00
Riceville,	5.25
Blue Spring,	1.00
	$228.91

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

Greeneville Station,	$12.85
" Circuit,	25.00
Rheatown	52 50
Fall Branch,	6 50
Jonesboro Station,	17.00
" Circuit,	3 00
Elizabethton Station,	3.00
" Circuit,	17 50
Taylorsville,	10.05
Kingsport,	5.00
St. Clair,	5.00
	$159.40

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Kingston	$1.00
Sulphur Spring,	3.00
Scarboro,	1.00
Wartburg,	8.25
Jamestown,	1.00
Crossville,	5.00
Pikeville,	5.00
Hamilton,	5.00
Washington,	5.00
Jasper,	5.00
Battle Creek,	1.00
	$40.25

Cleveland District.	
Chattanooga,	$4.30
Tyners,	8 00
Decatur,	3.05
Rhea,	1.95
Marion,	1.00
Washington,	1 75
	$20 05

Russellville District.	
Sevierville,	$1.50
Morristown,	1.05
	$2.55
Total,	$863.51

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